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**From:** William Mullin [WMullin@wcu.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2012 12:09 PM  
**To:** Board of Selectmen  
**Subject:** RE: Morrison Farm Land Swap

Hello-

Thank you to Bill Klauer for clearly laying out the current status from the Cemetery Commission's point of view.

- As I said, we are looking for support from you all to go create a detailed plan about this usage swap and all of the elements that Bill lists will be part of the detailed plan.
- No matter what we recommend, any change needs to go to Town Meeting and get a 2/3 vote, so the actions we are taking are to create the plan.
- I have been told there is about a 100-150 year timeframe before land at the cemetery will become scarce. (I have asked Bill K for the exact projected timeframe.)
- So it seems that allocating the land around the treasured Robbins memorial will be good for the town for a long time with no net detriment to the amount of space available for burials.
- Of course, if the cemetery commission does not feel that there would be any big benefit to getting the back couple of acres re-designated, we could just keep that as conservation land and just re-designate the front 1.8 acres for historical preservation purposes.

I will send a couple of maps over in a few minutes, that were prepared by Tom Tidman.

Thanks,

Bill

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bill [mailto:abklauer@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 23, 2012 7:33 AM  
**To:** [bos@acton-ma.gov](mailto:bos@acton-ma.gov); William Mullin  
**Subject:** Morrison Farm Land Swap

I send this memo to the Board to advise you that the Cemetery Commissioners were approached by Mr. Mullin to see if we would be interested in the proposal.

At present, we have received a map suggesting where the land is located and Mr. Muillin advised us that he would be sending us a written proposal.

While there is currently a restriction placed on the Robbins lot at the request of the late, John Morrison to protect a well that he installed next to the Morrison house, the well is currently not used. In addition, a septic system has been installed close by, therefore, the well can not be used.

Of the cemetery property that we currently possess, the parcel in question could be used at some point in the future. The cost of development of this parcel for burial purposes is minimal. The proposed land at the back of the Morrison

land is a total unknown and due to the Open Meeting Law, we have not been able to schedule a site visit to become aware of the possibility of developing the property sometime in the future. I have visited the property and will render my opinion of whether we should pursue the swap in due time.

I am sending this to you to advise the Board of Selectmen that the concept is not finalized with the Cemetery Commissioners and this e-mail is being sent by me as a member of the Cemetery Commissioners.